As regards the weaving school at Nagercoil, you want certain improved arrangements. The textile expert is touring and supervising the working of that institution. You want the appointment of a committee for such supervision. Your representation will be considered.

Your representations for the opening of a departmental English School for girls at Vadasseri and for the treatment of Salias as backward for the purpose of half-fee concession in English Schools are noted.

170. Problem of unemployment among educated young men.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, Nominated) in dealing with the problem of unemployment, pointed out the unwholesome consequences which the present system of education was producing in Travancore. With the extensive advancement of education many young men who came out fresh from schools and colleges were compelled to resort to the Law College and the public service for finding employment. The bar in many places was already overcrowded, while the public service was not a perennial source of help to the unemployed. The question was one which deserved the earnest attention of the Government. The Member suggested certain measures towards a solution of the problem in question.

Officers who were incapacitated by age or ill-health should, on no account, be retained in the public service. On no account should extensions of service be given to officers. Foreigners should not be imported into the public service, to the prejudice of the claims of qualified sons of the soil. The standard of the School Leaving Examination should be raised; the Law College should be temporarily closed; the instruction imparted in the Mechanical Overseers' class should be made more practical; the study of the vernaculars should be encouraged; the University scheme in contemplation should be dropped; vocational training should be imparted to pupils in schools, for which purpose a conference of the Director of Public Instruction and the representatives of the people should be held; and a school of commerce should be opened at Trivandrum. The rules under the Land Colonisation Scheme should be so liberalised as to make it attractive to the people at large. The Departments of Agriculture and Industries should encourage the growth of cottage industries by helping them with grants-in-aid wherever necessary.

President's reply.—Mr. Joseph, your remarks regarding vocational education are noted. You next spoke about cottage industries and said that industrial education should be promoted. The Government are doing their best in this direction, as far as finances permit.

Then you said that the Law College should be stopped, as it turns out more and more lawyers and increases litigation to the detriment of the country. Your representation is noted.

Your suggestions for the better working of the Mechanical Overseers' class are also noted.

You emphasised that officers should be retired as soon as they were fifty-five years old. You said that equal opportunities should be given to all subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja in the public service and you also referred to the dropping of the University scheme. These are some of the important points to which you alluded. All these points will receive the attention of the Government.

171. Communal representation with special reference to educational concessions to backward classes.

Mr. C. Krishnan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) said that Government hesitated to comply with the requests contained in the memorial presented by the Ezhava members of the Assembly in regard to certain educational matters and that such hesitation was naturally due to a majority of the members of the Legislative Council being opposed to the claims advanced. But, as the memorialists really deserved the concessions applied for, the Member prayed that the same might be granted.

The Member pointed out that the representations made by two Ezhava members at the Assembly in regard to the Ezhava Bill should not be taken as reflecting the opinion of the Ezhava community or that of the *misradayee* section

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